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SUBJECT: JUSTICE PARTY VIEWS ON OUTLOOK FOR FORMATION OF NEW  
GOVERNMENT

1. JUSTICE PARTY (JP) DEPUTY CHAIRMAN ISMAIL HAKKI  
YILDIRIM AFTERNOON JULY 8 GAVE US THE FOLLOWING RUN-DOWN ON  
DEMIREL'S EFFORTS TO FORM A GOVERNMENT AND HIS PROSPECTS  
FOR SUCCESS:

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A. DEMIREL DEFINITELY WANTS FOR FORM A GOVERNMENT. HE  
BELIEVES THAT IF HE FAILS, ECEVIT WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTRACT  
ENOUGH TRANSFERS FROM OTHER PARTIES TO FORM A GOVERNMENT WITH  
THE COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR), LEAVING  
ASIDE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ECEVIT-ERBAKAN COALITION.

B. HOWEVER, THE JP MEMBERSHIP IS DIVIDED ON THE DESIRABILITY

OF FORMING THE GOVERNMENT WITH ERBAKAN AND TURKES. THE PARTY CONSENSUS IS THAT FEW CONCESSIONS SHOULD BE GIVEN-- ESPECIALLY TO ERBAKAN--IN ORDER TO FORM A GOVERNMENT.

C. DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEGUN BETWEEN THE THREE POTENTIAL COALITION PARTNERS ON THE BASIS OF WHICH A COALITION PROTOCOL MAY BE DEVELOPED. THIS PROTOCOL WOULD INCLUDE BOTH AGREEMENTS ON POLICY MATTERS AND AGREEMENTS ON WHICH PARTY GETS WHICH CABINET POSTS.

D. DEMIREL HAS A LIST OF 42 CRITICAL ITEMS TO DISCUSS WITH ERBAKAN AND TURKES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COALITION PROTOCOL. IN KEEPING WITH THE PARTY CONSENSUS, DEMIREL IS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE MANY CONCESSIONS ON THESE ITEMS.

E. ON PRINCIPAL MATTER FOR DISCUSSION WILL BE CYPRUS POLICY. THE JP BELIEVES THAT A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT ON SATISFACTORY TERMS SHOULD BE SOUGHT IMMEDIATELY "SO THAT THE CYPRUS QUESTION CAN BE TAKEN OFF OUR AGENDA". THE PRESENT TIME IS A GOOD ONE, POLITICALLY SPEAKING, FOR A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, BECAUSE NEW ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE HELD FOR ANOTHER FOUR YEARS. IF THE THREE PARTIES IN THE PROSPECTIVE COALITION ARE WILLING TO SHOW "A LITTLE POLITICAL COURAGE", THEY CAN DISPOSE OF CYPRUS.

F. HOWEVER, NOTHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT CYPRUS WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF ECEVIT'S REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP), BECAUSE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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THE LARGE NUMBER OF ITS LOWER HOUSE SEATS AND ITS EFFECTIVE MAJORITY IN THE SENATE. ("THE REAL PROBLEM THIS TIME WILL NOT BE ERBAKAN, BUT ECEVIT", YILDIRIM SAID.) THEREFORE, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH A DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND THE RPP, AT LEAST ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS.

G. ERBAKAN HAS NOT YET MADE KNOWN ANY OF HIS CONCRETE DEMANDS. THESE WILL BECOME CLEAR DURING THE BARGAINING AMONG THE THREE PARTIES OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE LIKELY OUTCOME OF THE BARGAINING SHOULD BE FAIRLY EVIDENT BY MONDAY, JULY 11. (YILDIRIM VOLUNTEERED TO CALL AND GIVE US AN UP-DATE AT THAT TIME.)

H. WHILE DEMIREL WILL SEEK TO FORM A LONG-LASTING GOVERNMENT, IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY THAT THE COALITION WOULD HAVE A LENGTHY LIFE EXPECTANCY, IN VIEW OF THE STRAINS AMONG THE THREE PARTIES WHICH EMERGED DURING THEIR PREVIOUS COLLISION AS WELL AS THE DIFFICULTIES THAT ECEVIT CAN CREATE FOR THE GOVERNMENT WITH HIS PARLIAMENTARY STRENGTH.

I. A COALITION BETWEEN THE JP AND RPP IS NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AS A

VIALE ALTERNATIVE AT THIS TIME. IT COULD BE TRIED IF DEMIREL FAILS IN HIS CURRENT ATTEMPT AND ECEVIT FAILS IN A SUBSEQUENT ATTEMPT TO FORM A GOVERNMENT.

J. MILITARY INTERVENTION IS NOT AT ALL IMMINENT, PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE THE ARMED FORCES' COMMANDERS ARE NOT INTERESTED IN INTERVENING. FURTHERMORE, IN THE MILITARY INTERVENTIONS OF 1960 AND 1971, THE MILITARY COULD COUNT ON POLITICAL PARTY ALLIES; AT THIS TIME, NO POLITICAL PARTY IS SEEKING A MILITARY INTERVENTION OR COULD BENEFIT FROM IT. DILLON

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